

PROBLEMS FOR "SUN" READERS TO SOLVE

Complete Solution of Harry Boardman's Wonderful Nullo at Bridge.

CHECKER CRACKS STUMPED

So many letters have been received with regard to that wonderful nullo problem of Harry Boardman's, No. 300, the solution of which was published last week, that the complete solution in all its variations is here given. At the same time THE SUN takes great pleasure in presenting to its readers a portrait of the composer, who is undoubtedly one of the greatest problemists we have ever seen.



HARRY BOARDMAN.
In order that the various plays may be easily followed, the distribution of the cards is here repeated:

Hand distribution for Problem No. 300:

North: ♠ 7 5 3, ♥ 8 5, ♦ K 9 6, ♣ A K Q 2

West: ♠ 10 8 4, ♥ 9, ♦ A 6 3, ♣ J 9 6

East: ♠ 4, ♥ 5 4, ♦ 8 4, ♣ 7

South: ♠ 10 7, ♥ 6 3, ♦ J 10 7, ♣ 10 7

There are no trumps and Z is in the lead. The problem is to force five tricks upon A and B, in spite of any defense. There were three who solved the problem completely, but Mr. Boardman thinks that George E. Hempel of Chicago should be credited with having seen what had to be done, although he failed to specify the lead of the high spade by B, and did not give the best discards in some variations.

The real gist of the problem lies in the control of the heart suit and the play in diamonds. Here is the complete solution. Z leads the interior heart nine. A puts on the queen and Y plays the five, B the eight. The importance of these three interior plays by Z, Y and B will be apparent in some of the more cunning defenses. A leads a high diamond, so that B may be in a position to lead Z with two spade tricks. Y puts on the nine, B wins with the ace and leads the six of spades, not the deuce. Z wins with the spade eight, so as to prevent B from leading another spade and giving A a second diamond discard.

Upon the spade trick, if A discards a diamond Y lets go a club. If A discards a high heart Y throws in the heart seven. This is the critical trick. Let us take the first case, A discarding a diamond. Z leads the six of hearts, still holding up the jack. A puts on the king. Y gives up the seven and B the ten. There are now three important variations. If A leads a diamond for the fifth trick Y puts on the king and wins a second round with the six, so as to allow Z to shape his hand after B.

If B keeps the club Z discards it. If B discards the club Z gets rid of the heart jack. If B keeps the club Y puts him in with a club and Z gets rid of the spade. If B has kept the heart Y leads the three of hearts and Z gets rid of the spade. Now either B wins a heart and a spade or A wins a heart and a club, according to A's discard of diamonds.

Going back to the discarding of A's spade lead, if A and Y both discard hearts Z immediately takes the inevitable club trick, all following suit. Then he leads the heart jack. This is the critical trick. It shows the importance of having retained that card. If A wins the heart and leads a diamond Y puts on the king and returns the diamond, so that Z can shed the six of hearts. If A comes right back with the deuce of hearts instead of the diamond Y sneeds the king of diamonds and A wins two diamond tricks.

SCORES VARY MUCH AT ROYAL AUCTION

Surprises in Duplicate Games at Knickerbocker Whist Club.

SOME INTERESTING DEALS

The opening of the season for the duplicate auction bridge matches which are played at the Knickerbocker Whist Club on the first and third Mondays of every month was a success. Several other clubs are making arrangements for similar tournaments. The Crescent Athletic Club expects to have one of the biggest affairs of the kind, nearly 200 members and their guests being expected.

There is certainly no better school for the bridge player than duplicate play. Every player in the room sitting in his position has the same cards, and a comparison of the declarations and the scores after the game, with the cards still there as they were dealt, is a revelation of the possibilities of a hand both as to the bidding and the play.

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Z dealt and bid two royals, which is a conventional way of showing the dealer wants to play the hand with that suit for the trump, no matter what his partner has. After some study A thought he would bid three clubs, in the hope that his partner could stop the spades and shift to no trumps.

Just as a matter of curiosity it may be asked what hope there is of going to no trumps, even if A can stop the spades, when A has none to lead. Also, what danger is there of Z's going game with his two royals? Had Z been left alone he would have been set for three tricks.

Y passed, as he could not assist the royals and had been ordered not to shift. If he bids three hearts he can make his bid no more. B did not go no trumps, preferring to leave the chance that Z would go back to the royals, but Z passed, as he did not like his partner's refusal to assist him.

As soon as dummy's hand went down A had a full result of which was that he failed to go game in clubs, his mind being all the time on his partner's failure to go no trumps. Y led the spade and A trumped the ace. A grand slam in dummy, with the object of getting him in on the second round to lead the trump and get a line on the situation, allowed Z to get the lead.

The play led Z to infer that A's trumps were not solid, so he led the diamond right back and let B lead trumps. Upon A's finding that Y had the queen guarded he led the heart, which A trumped up to his tenace, but Y came right back with the trump. A then led a heart, which dummy trumped, but he lost a heart trick at the end, stopping at four by carding the hand being dealt free to turn loose on his unfortunate partner for not going no trumps.

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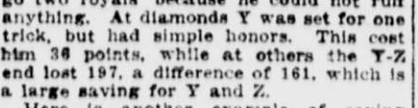
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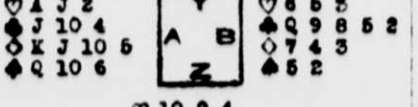
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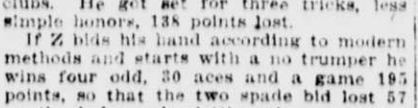
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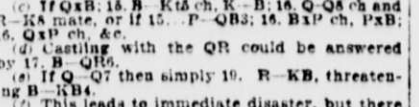
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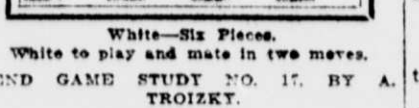
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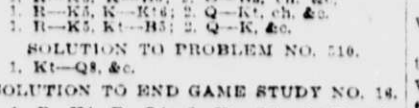
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